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specification on page 7, lines 4-11, provides support for new claims 12 and 13. Applicants have not raised any issue of new matter.

Conclusion

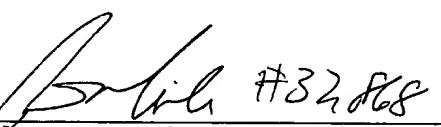
Applicants submit that the present claims define patentable subject matter such that this application should be placed into condition for allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the above matters, please contact Applicants' representative, Mark W. Milstead (Reg. No. 45,825), in the Washington, metropolitan area at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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